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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yumiko Seki, et al.

Application No.: 10/055,490

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SUPPORTING A SYSTEM
MANAGEMENT

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7401

Examiner: Sargon N. Nano

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2157

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.